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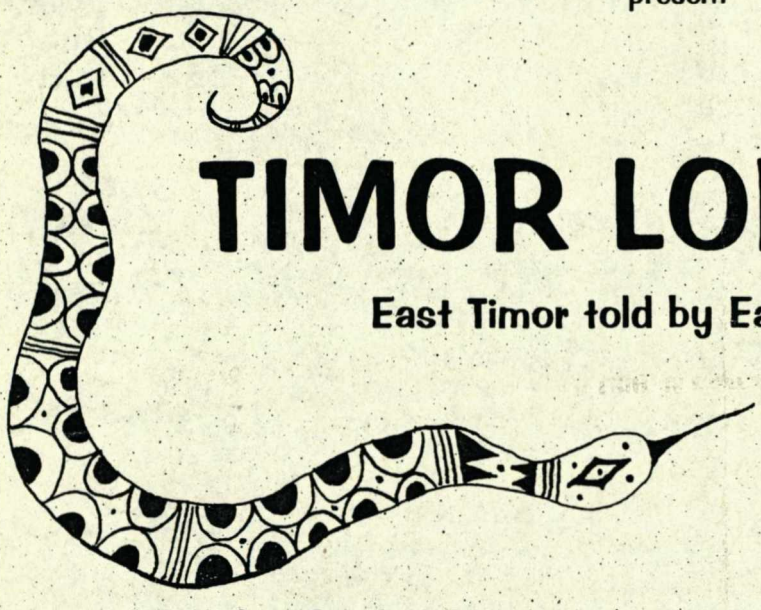

TIMOR LORO SAE

East Timor told by East Timorese

Timor Loro Sae is based on the story of an East Timorese man who fled East Timor by boat and arrived in Australia. The play takes place while he attends an immigration tribunal hearing.

" I am not Indonesian. I am not Portuguese. I am East Timorese !
Timor Loro Sae is an expression of the rage and disillusioned humour of the East Timorese. Thirteen hundred East Timorese, including members of the cast, are now seeking political asylum in Australia. The Government of Australia is currently urging the immigration tribunal that these people are the responsibility of their former colonial master, Portugal, and therefore should not be allowed to live in Australia.

Timor Loro Sae rejects the absurdity of such a notion. The play mirrors the quest for an East Timorese identity, both at home and abroad. It is finally, a tribute to the courage and determination of a people who will not be beaten.

The play brings together a cast of more than twenty East Timorese: some have become Australian citizens, others are 1995 arrivals who are seeking refugee status. Several of the cast are from the much publicised boat people who escaped East Timor earlier this year. It is the boat people who have contributed and determined much of the substance of the play, particularly the events leading up to the 1991 Dili massacre - told for the first time ever for **Timor Loro Sae**.

Written by Graham Pitts and a team of writers and story tellers from the East Timorese Community, **Timor Loro Sae** is **East Timor told by East Timorese.**

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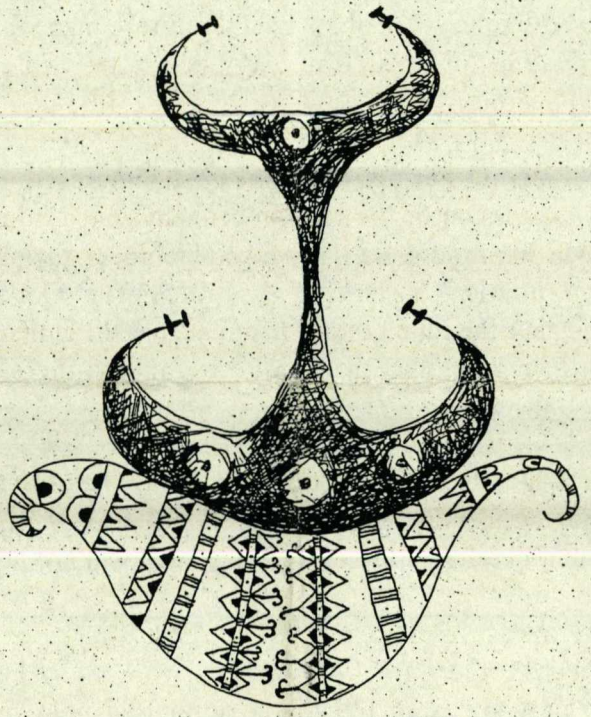

Performed by boat people and refugees from East Timor

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